

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Militia laws now in force in this State;

Was passed over informally and made the special order for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate fishing on the coast of Florida;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and Simkins—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, McQueen and Watlington—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major General in the army of Florida;

Was passed over informally and made the special order for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Remerez and others, inhabitants of Escambia county;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones and Watlington—8.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the office of Indian Agent

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Call, indefinitely postponed.

House bill to be entitled an act to for the government of the Military forces of the State of Florida;

Was passed over informally and made the special order for to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until half-past 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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FRIDAY, February 8th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with. Mr. Magbee moved that the Senator from the 18th District be excused from attendance on the Senate on to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCall moved that a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the state of the Republic of Florida;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. McCall, Chain, and Brokaw appointed said committee.

Mr. Abercrombie gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Escambia River in West Florida.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
February, 7, 1861. }

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act respecting the sale of vinous or spirituous liquor to slaves or free persons of color;

A resolution relative to the adjournment of the Legislature of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide the mode and manner of giving notice in actions of ejectment;

A bill to be entitled an act regulating wharfage in the city of Apalachicola;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate an Insurance Company in the city of Apalachicola, to be called the Florida Home Insurance Company;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, Wm. J. Keyser, and other owners of Wharf property at Milton, in Santa Rosa county, to establish and charge rates of Wharfage; and

Senate bill to be entitled an act requiring Railroad companies to maintain proper cattle guards and railroad crossings.

The following Senate bill was lost in the House:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of members of the General Assembly.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read, the Senate bills and resolution ordered to be enrolled, and the House bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 16th section of an act entitled an act to amend the Militia and Patrol laws of this State, approved December 22, 1859; and

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourage and facilitate Internal Improvements, and regulate partnerships for that purpose;

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Brokaw introduced the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That all defaults and other offences committed under the militia act, approved December 22d, 1859, and which are not yet prosecuted under said act, may be inquired into and punished by a proper court martial organized for that purpose.

Be it further resolved, That all fines collected or which shall be collected hereafter for any offences committed against the militia laws of this State by any member or members of any volunteer company, shall be received by and enure to the benefit of the volunteer company collecting said fines.

Which was read the first time, the rules waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Call introduced a resolution for the relief of A. B. Noyes and others;

Which was read the first time, the rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

On motion a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, McCall and Abercrombie, was appointed to certify the same to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Call introduced a resolution for the benefit of the College of St. Augustine;

Which was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The committee appointed to certify the passage of a resolution for the relief of A. B. Noyes and others, returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

The rules being waived, Mr. McCall introduced without previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to create an efficient Military force for the State of Florida;

Which was read the first and second times by its title and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day to be taken up in committee of the Whole.

Mr. Brokaw from the committee on the State of the Commonwealth, made the following report:

The committee on the State of the Commonwealth to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a Railroad, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report said bill back to the Senate with amendments and to ask that the same do pass.

P. B. BROKAW,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The rules being waived, Mr. Magbee moved that a bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians, be taken up;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Pettit Jurors in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company;

A bill to be entitled an act concerning Pilotage for the Port of Cedar Keys;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the City of Fernandina;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine to be located at St. Augustine;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an act to providing for a State uniform and flag;

A bill to be entitled an act concerning roads and highways in St. Johns county, in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of Measurers and Inspectors and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Alzerotte;

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Ellis W. Hawkins of Santa Rosa county;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. James D. Smith; and

Resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis, of Alachua county.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,

Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad Company;

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws;

A bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and pre-emptory challenges in criminal cases.

Very respectfully,

TILLMAN INGRAM,

Chm'n Com. on Engrossed bills.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate, and requested the return to the House of a resolution fixing the pay of the members of the General Assembly.

A committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Ingram, Baldwin and Brokaw, to return said resolution to the House, who retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two regiments of Infantry and one of Cavalry or Mounted Riflemen, and asked the concurrence of the Senate in the same;

Which bill was received and read the first time by its title, and ordered to be placed among the orders to be taken up in the Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Mr. Call the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following bills and resolution—Mr. Chain in the Chair:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the militia laws now in force in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act for the government of the military forces of the State of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State.

Resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major-General in the army of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act to create an efficient military force for the State of Florida; and

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two regiments of Infantry and one of Cavalry or Mounted Riflemen;

After some time spent therein, the committee rose and through their Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the Senate took a recess until half-past three o'clock, P. M.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

On motion of Mr. Rogers a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Watlington and Simkins, were appointed to wait upon the House and request that all bills or resolutions relating to military affairs, now pending before that body, be transmitted to the Senate.

The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed to transmit to the Senate a resolution which had passed the House, authorizing the payment of United States Treasury Warrant No. 5253;

Which resolution was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The Senate went into Committee of the Whole, having under consideration the militia bills, under consideration in Committee of the Whole this morning—Mr. Brokaw in the Chair.

After some time spent in consideration thereof, the committee rose, and through their Chairman reported a bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the militia forces of this State, with amendments, as a substitute for all the other bills under consideration, and recommended its passage;

Which report was received, the bill as a substitute adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rules being waived, Mr. Brokaw moved that the House resolution authorizing the payment of United States Treasury Warrant No. 5253 be taken up;

Which was agreed to.

House resolution authorizing the payment of United States Treasury Warrant No. 5253;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—None.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourage and facilitate Internal Improvements and regulate partnerships for that purpose;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nay—Mr. Dawkins—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nay—Mr. Dawkins—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of Appeal and peremptory challenges in criminal cases;

Was taken up and passed over informally, and ordered to be re-engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad Company;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties ;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McCall, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. McQueen—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 16th section of an act entitled an act to amend the Militia and Patrol laws of this State approved December 22, 1859 ;

Was read the second time, and on motion laid upon the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a Railroad ;

Was read the second time, the substitute proposed by the committee adopted, and the same ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several Banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller ;

Was read the second time and referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Call, Dawkins and Baldwin.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate Pilotage of St. Johns Bar ;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of Tax Assessor and Collector for Sumter county, and for other purposes ;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library ;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the security of the citizens of this State transacting business with foreign corporations ;
Was read the second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

House bill to be entitled an act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors ;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. President.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua County Railroad Company ;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the city of Apalachicola and for other purposes ;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House resolution relative to the State Librarian ;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to amend by adding the words "to the next General Assembly" to the end of the resolution ;

Which was agreed to.

The resolution was then ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on engrossed bills made the following report :

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed :

A bill to be entitled an act transferring causes from the late District Courts ;

A bill to be entitled an act to declare who are citizens of the State of Florida ; and

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce the cost of criminal prosecutions.

Respectfully submitted,

T. INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and the bills placed first among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce the cost of criminal prosecutions;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—Mr. Dawkins—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act transferring causes from the late District Courts to the Circuit Courts;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to declare who are citizens of the State of Florida;

Was read the third time;

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend by striking out "five years" in the third section;

Upon of which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Jones and McCall—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—11.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Jones and McCall—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act for the defence of the port of Apalachicola;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blount Ferry Railroad Company;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Sheriff's costs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes of this State;

Was read a third time;

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out "or that is printed nearest thereto in the Judicial Circuit where said levy is made;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen and Rogers—7.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Magbee, McCall, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So the amendment was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Jones, McCall, McQueen and Rogers—7.

So the bill was lost.

Mr. McCall moved to reconsider the vote just taken;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Magbee, McCall, Simkins and Watlington—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen and Rogers—8.

So the motion to reconsider was lost.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida;

Was read the second time and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the service of civil process in certain cases;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, and Watlington—11.

Nays—Messrs. Jones, and McCall—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the Taxes;

Was read the second time and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking of the marks and brands of cattle driven or shipped from the counties of Sumter, Hillsborough and Manatee;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury Notes;

Was read the second time and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to create an efficient military force for the State of Florida;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Militia and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

The rules being waived, Mr. Call introduced without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled an act encouraging the cultivation of tropical Fruits;

Which was read the first time, the rules waived, and read the second time by its title.

Mr. Dawkins moved to refer the bill to the committee on Internal Improvements;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—7.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then referred to a Select committee consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Simkins and Watlington.

House bill entitled an act for the government of the militia forces of the State of Florida;

Was read the second time by its title, and on motion laid on the table.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two Regiments of Infantry and one of Cavalry or Mounted Riflemen;

Was read the second time by its title and on motion laid on the table.

House resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major General in the army of Florida;

Was read the second time by its title and on motion laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Militia laws now in force in this State;

Was read the second time by its title and on motion laid on the table.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half-past 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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SATURDAY, February 9th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and approved.